

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE
AUTHORITY, HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF APRIL 2015, 7:00 P.M., MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
#2, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:**

PRESENT:	William Brown	-Chair
	Christopher Tuck	-Vice Chair
	Mary Biggs	-Secretary-Treasurer
	Annette Perkins	-Member
	Todd King	-Member
	Gary Creed	-Member
	Robert C. Fronk	-PSA Director
	Karri Cridlin	-Secretary to PSA Board
	Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	Marty McMahon	-County Attorney

ABSENT:	Matthew Gabriele	-Member
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair William Brown called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION

Mr. Blase Wagenbrenner of 1628 Bow Hill Road came before the Board to speak of concern he has regarding run off issues along Bow Hill Road.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by Christopher Tuck, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby approves the Consent Agenda, dated April 06, 2015.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Mary Biggs		Matthew Gabriele
Todd King		
Annette Perkins		
William Brown		
Gary Creed		
Christopher Tuck		

**R15-04-01
RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECT
REVISION OF APPROVED FY15 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

On a motion by Gary Creed, Seconded by Mary Biggs, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, by the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Board of Directors hereby approve the FY15 CIP "Elliston WWTP Clarifier Basins" metal recoating/rehabilitation project to be modified from recoating of the existing components to replacement with new galvanized components up to \$120,000.

The roll call vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE

Mary Biggs

Todd King

Gary Creed

Annette Perkins

Christopher Tuck

William Brown

NAY

ABSENT

Matthew Gabriele

R15-04-02

RESOLUTION SETTING PRELIMINARY RATE SCHEDULE PROPOSING A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN THE CURRENT WATER RATE AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE INTERESTED PARTIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE

WHEREAS; the Board of Directors have determined that a five percent increase in the current water rate is necessary to cover the Authority's expenses necessary or properly attributable to furnishing water service to the Authority's users, and

WHEREAS, before a rate increase can be advertised and adopted the Authority is required under Section 15.2-5136 G of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to adopt a preliminary schedule setting out the proposed rate increase and scheduling a public hearing in order that the interested parties can have an opportunity to be heard on the proposed increase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority that the Board of Directors hereby agree to set the following preliminary schedule proposing the following water rate increase:

WATER RATE

Proposed 5% Increase From \$7.24 to \$7.60 per 1,000 gallons

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Board of Directors hereby authorize the Director to advertise a public hearing in accordance with *Section 15.2-5136G of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended*, to be held on May 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room #2, in order to provide interested parties an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed water rate increase.

AYE

Mary Biggs

Gary Creed

Annette Perkins

Christopher Tuck

William Brown

NAY

Todd King

ABSENT

Matthew Gabriele

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Monthly Activities Report

The March 2015 report is attached for review

2. Auburn Schools Discharge/Riner Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation

A condition to release final certificate of occupancy (C.O) to the new high and middle schools was collection and analysis of wastewater samples to confirm compliance with PSA discharge limits. Several samples were collected from the high school and analyzed for parameters of concern at the Riner Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) results for all samples were magnitudes greater than the DEQ

permit limit for the Riner WWTP. This is a significant concern as wastewater from the schools comprises over half of the total flow to the WWTP and excessive TKN loading could exceed WWTP removal capacity resulting in permit violations. The PSA has been analyzing TKN samples and evaluating treatment operations at the Riner WWTP since July 2014 to establish background loading and treatment removal capacity. Through diligent plant operations, an operational program was developed that adequately handled TKN loading during wintertime operations. We expect this operational program to provide adequate TKN removal during future wintertime operations and will close out this evaluation and release final C.O. to the schools.

3. Water Breaks/Pipe Failures at Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School

We experienced three water main breaks on the 8" PVC Pike main to the new Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School on June 18, June 20, and July 2, 2014. There have been at least six pipe failures of the same nature on the 8" PVC pipe main since October 2012. The pipe failures were straight-line splits in the "bell" end of the pipe. The estimated repair cost was about \$2,500 for each repair. We kept damaged pipe joint sections from the last 2 breaks and sent one to the pipe manufacturer for evaluation. The pipe manufacturer's product evaluation report stated the pipe failure was the result of improper installation and "additional joints are susceptible to similar stress induced failures." After coordinating with Montgomery County Public School (MCPS), MCPS staff issued a letter dated September 15, 2014 to the general contractor, Branch & Associates claiming a "Latent Defect" in the water line installation. The contractual relationship and responsibility for the waterline construction is between the general contractor and MCPS. The PSA took over ownership of the waterline based upon certifications and assurances from MCPS and their agents. A meeting was held October 1, 2014 with the general contractor, pipeline subcontractor, MCPS staff and PSA staff to review the situation and available information. Subsequently, the pipeline subcontractor submitted a letter dated November 5, 2014 claiming that even-though the pipe was installed/joined improperly, the fault is from over-compaction of the fill material above the pipe as required by the project specifications prepared by MCPS's engineer. There was no action by the general contractor from November 11, 2014 to January 23, 2015 in response to multiple MCPS inquiries. During this period, the general contractor replied to say they are "seeking the advice of third party experts" and "want to resolve the issue as quickly as possible." By email sent February 5, 2015, the general contractor informed the MCPS Asst. Superintendent to "look for a response from us in the next few weeks." To date we are unaware of any reply. As directed during the February 2, 2015 PSA Meeting, the County Attorney sent an email to MCPS requesting repayment for PSA expenses for water main repairs and future reimbursement of repairs for 3 years. The MCPS Asst. Superintendent sent the past repair costs to the general contractor to which we are awaiting a reply.

INTO CLOSED MEETING

(IN 8:15 PM)

On a motion by Annette Perkins, seconded by Christopher Tuck, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby enter into Closed Meeting for the discussion of the following:

Section 2.2-3711 (1) Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment; Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body

1. Personnel

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

William Brown

Matthew Gabriele

Mary Biggs

Gary Creed

Christopher Tuck

Annette Perkins

Todd King

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

(OUT 8:55 PM)

On a motion by Gary Creed, seconded by Christopher Tuck, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

William Brown

Matthew Gabriele

Mary Biggs

Christopher Tuck

Gary Creed

Annette Perkins

Todd King

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public Service Authority has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Montgomery County Public Service Authority hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS' REPORT

Member Gabriele- Absent

Member King- No Report

Member Perkins- No Report

Member Creed – No Report

Member Biggs- No Report

Member Tuck - No Report

Member Brown - No Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned this meeting to the next meeting scheduled for May 4, 2015.